

Andrew Jackson to John Coffee, March 6, 1813, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO JOHN COFFEE.

Greenville, March 6, 1813¹

¹ Greenville was in 1813 the court-house town of Jefferson Co. It does not appear on the map at present. The contents of this letter seem to show that it was written after the army was on the return march, in which case the date given seems to be wrong.

Dear Colo. I recd. your letter this morning, that made my heart sore that you were without supplies, and that I had it not in my power to relievee, I have been studying all day, I have a little money. on the one hand the sick must be taken on, on the other your wants. I had determined to divide my funds put them in your hands and detain thirty pack horses and risque all with the sick and push you on. On this ground I directed major Carroll to send you the order. I wish you still to send me the horses and duplicates, as expressed in the order and see me yourself. Send with the pack horses thirteen or fifteen bushels of corn in the ears.²

² The following letter from John Snodgrass to Governor Blount, Natchez, June 13, 1814, is of interest at this point: "His Excellency Gov Blount, I hold a Draft drawn by Gen'l Jackson for hauling done on his March from this to Tennessee. On application at the War Office, I am directed to apply to your Excellency, Should be happy to infer what method to pursue in order to get the money. There is a number of Drafts unpaid in this Territory."